



# CITY OF COLLEGE PARK MUNICIPAL SCENE

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## ELECTION ISSUE - MEET THE CANDIDATES

### MAYOR: VOTE FOR 1



**Andrew M. Fellows**  
301-441-8141  
Candidate for Mayor

Andrew Fellows has been College Park's Mayor since being sworn in on December 8, 2009. He previously represented the 3rd District on the City Council from 2001–2007, and has served on the Metropolitan Washington Council of Government's Board of Directors, the Transportation Planning Board and Chesapeake Bay and Water Resources Policy Committee, and by appointment of the Governor on the Maryland Commission on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Communities.

Andy moved to College Park in 1991 to attend the University of Maryland as a graduate student. Within a year, he joined the Veterans Memorial Improvement Committee and the Committee for a Better Environment, both of which he eventually chaired. Andy was a two-term president of the University of Maryland Graduate Student Government, and served four years as president of the Calvert Hills Citizens Association before being elected to the Council.

Andy has worked as the Chesapeake Regional Director for Clean Water Action since 1999. He has over 30 years of grassroots organizing, lobbying, electoral, media, development, and management experience.

He and his wife Elizabeth live in the College Park Estates neighborhood with their cat "Jake," and enjoy movies, reading, Lake Artemesia, baseball, and life in general.



**Robert J. McCeney**  
301-312-0860  
Candidate for Mayor

Bob is an elementary school teacher, and volunteers for the American Red Cross in Prince George's County as a First Aid, CPR, Babysitting, and Life Guard Instructor. He is a life-long resident and graduated with his Bachelor of Science degree in Education from the University of Maryland in College Park. Bob graduated with honors from Bowie State University with a Master of Education degree and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Education Policy, Planning, and Administration from The George Washington University. He has served as the First Aid Chairman for the Prince George's County Red Cross overseeing the volunteers, serving on the Safety Services Committee, and presenting service awards at schools and events.

While working in an elementary school, Bob wrote a proposal to secure a \$2,500 grant from the Four Winds Weather Network for a weather station, and he secured matching funds from the Parent-Teacher Association that enabled the students to advance their study of meteorology.

Bob believes in donating to the University of Maryland, and is a lifetime member of the University of Maryland Alumni Association, National Education Association, Maryland State Teachers Association, Montgomery County Education Association, Environment Maryland, and The Colonial Williamsburg Foundation.

### DISTRICT 1: VOTE FOR 2



**S.M. Fazlul Kabir**  
301-659-6295  
Candidate for City Council District 1

Fazlul Kabir is a current Councilmember of District 1 in north College Park. Kabir lives in east Hollywood with his wife and two children.

Kabir teaches at the University of Maryland, College Park and also works as the Senior Project Manager in a federal project. He holds a doctorate degree in Electrical Engineering from the University Of Manchester.

Kabir has led the effort and worked with a group of residents to establish the Hollywood Farmers Market in north College Park. The market has offered farm-fresh food, supported local farmers, provided a space where residents and community groups can meet and also helped revitalize the Hollywood commercial district.

Kabir has also worked to improve pedestrian safety along Rhode Island Avenue through the use of Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacons.

Before he became the Councilmember, he served as a four-term Secretary for the North College Park Citizens Association.

He is a co-founder of the College Park Day event, where he works with 3 community groups, local schools and helps manage the event's website.

Kabir enjoys helping in community projects. In the past years, he helped organize the Annual Hollywood neighborhood cleanup event, winter clothing drive and tree planting event.



**Patrick L. Wojahn**  
240-988-7763  
Candidate for City Council District 1

Patrick Wojahn is an attorney and civil rights advocate who advocates for the rights of people with disabilities at a national non-profit organization. Previously, Patrick provided legal services for adults with mental illness and for people living with HIV/AIDS in the DC metro area. Patrick has served in leadership roles with a variety of other service organizations, including Equality Maryland, the College Park Food Bank, and the College Park Community Foundation,

which Patrick helped found.

Born and raised in Wisconsin, he received his law degree from Georgetown University Law Center in 2002. He has lived in College Park with his husband, Dave Kolesar, for over ten years. Patrick ran for City Council first in 2007 because he felt he could use his experience to make a difference in the community. Since then, he has taken on new initiatives to improve life for College Park residents, such as starting College Park Day and helping found the College Park Community Foundation. Patrick also headed a committee to develop new strategies to address problems with rental properties, strengthened the City's tools to ensure that vacant and abandoned properties are properly maintained, and has led initiatives to make the City more environmentally sustainable.



**Benjamin S. Mellman**  
301-802-9727  
Candidate for City Council District 1

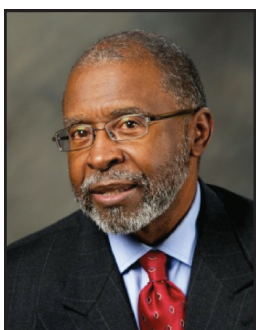
Benjamin Mellman was born in Miami, Florida. He is graduating with degrees in Aerospace Engineering and Mechanical Engineering in May from the University of Maryland. Benjamin currently works developing a new heat-exchanger technology at Advanced Thermal and Environmental Concepts Inc., a College Park company. He has been a member on the City of College Park's volunteer Committee for a Better Environment for two years and has recently been

voted to be a Co-Chair.

Benjamin has been devoted to College Park ever since he planted his roots here in the summer of 2009. He grew up in a small town community in Vermont, so he cares about the people in his community in a small-town-community way. His neighbors expressed their confidence in his abilities and the congruence of his values with their own, so they urged him to run for a position on the City Council.

As both a permanent resident and a university student, Benjamin is capable of representing multiple views and believes that a better College Park could be created for everybody. He believes that citizens would benefit from the establishment of more locally-owned businesses to entertain the students, locals, and their families.

### DISTRICT 2: VOTE FOR 2



**Monroe S. Dennis**  
301-474-6270  
Candidate for City Council District 2

Dennis is a native Marylander having grown up and finished high school in Worcester County, Maryland. After finishing college in Baltimore, where he earned a BS degree in Mathematics, he has been employed as a federal employee, and has served 2 years in the US Army. Following military service Dennis was employed by, and has retired from the IBM Company, and from Group1/Pitney Bowes Software, Inc.

Dennis settled in the city of College Park in the mid-1990's and soon thereafter became involved with the Lakeland Civic Association (LCA) and other neighborhood advocacy affairs. He has served the LCA in many capacities, and has been president of the LCA for more than 6 years.

During his LCA time, Dennis has interacted with City Staff, and Mayor and Council to accomplish a number of initiatives, and considers his ability to grasp the big picture, and to work through details with all stake-holders to arrive at amenable end-results as an asset that will serve well in the future.

Looking forward to the next Council term Dennis expects to enhance relationships with Council, and constituents, and in general to tackle stabilization/quality-of-life, public safety, and all day-to-day issues facing the City.



**P.J. Brennan**  
301-220-1640  
Candidate for City Council District 2

PJ grew up in a large Irish Catholic family in Towson, Maryland. He attended public schools, participated in scouting, and was a competitive swimmer for 12 years. He is a graduate of University of Maryland, College Park and holds a Master's Degree in Business Administration from University of Maryland University College. PJ currently works for the federal government and has worked for various cultural and academic institutions in the DC-metro area. In addition, PJ coaches an 8 & Under swim team for Nation's Capital Swim Club.

PJ and his husband Nick have lived in Prince George's County since 2005. In 2011, they relocated from Greenbelt to their home in College Park. They enjoy walking their two dogs on local trails, gardening, biking around town, exploring local restaurants, and taking advantage of the University of Maryland's Campus Recreation Services.

PJ takes pride in his community, enjoying local farmers markets, volunteering for Good Neighbor Day, and attending St. Andrew's Episcopal Church. Recently appointed to the city's Sustainable Maryland Certified Green Team, PJ has an interest in promoting a healthy environment and advancing energy and cost saving measures.

### DISTRICT 3: VOTE FOR 2



**Robert W. Day, Sr.**  
301-741-1962  
Candidate for City Council District 3

I have lived in College Park Estates with my wife Melissa and our sons Robert Jr., Matthew and Maxwell, for 16 years.

I have been an active member of the community for 14 years through many boards and commissions. Until I was elected to the Council, I was the President of the College Park Estates Civic Association, Chair of the Rent Stabilization Board, member of the Noise Control Board, current member and two-term

former chair of the Advisory Planning Commission. I have also served as the 2003 Vice Chair and 2011 Chair of the City Redistricting Commission, and member of the Advisory Planning Group for 2002 US 1 Corridor Sector Plan.

I have worked to represent resident and neighborhood interests to improve the Quality of Life in our community. Throughout all of my board and committee roles, and now as a councilmember, I have been a strong voice, asking the tough questions and focusing on representing the needs and desires of the community. My goal in running for re-election is to continue being a strong leader in building a better College Park which will remain a community that people and businesses want to call home for years to come.

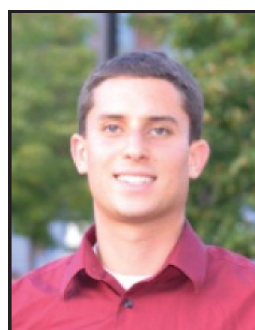


**Stephanie E. Stullich**  
301-742-4442  
Candidate for City Council District 3

A City Councilmember since January 2007, Stephanie has lived in College Park with her husband Bob Schnabel for 19 years. She previously served as president of the Old Town Civic Association and on the Committee for a Better Environment, and co-authored a book on the history of College Park. She recently co-chaired the Neighborhood Stabilization and Quality of Life Work Group. Stephanie works at the U.S. Department of Education.

Stephanie believes we have many opportunities to make College Park a more vibrant, safe, and attractive community. She has been a vocal advocate for supporting effective police services and building more student housing near the University campus. Redevelopment will continue to change College Park; we must work hard to reduce traffic, attract high-quality locally-owned retail and restaurants, ensure new developments are moderate density and environmentally sensitive, and create a walkable and vibrant downtown. Stephanie will continue to vigorously support the Purple Line and oppose efforts to redirect traffic through established neighborhoods.

Stephanie believes constituent service and keeping the community informed is one of a councilmember's most important roles. She invites residents to share their concerns and ideas so that we can work together to make College Park a better place.



**Matthew E. Popkin**  
240-696-7898  
Candidate for City Council District 3

Matthew is a graduate student at the University of Maryland School of Public Policy and works for the University's Department of Public Safety. A lifelong Maryland resident, he has lived and studied in College Park for five years. Matthew has previously served in the University Senate, University Sustainability Council, and Student Government Association, where he worked to improve public safety, environmental sustainability, and public transportation at the

University and in College Park. He also served on the College Park City University Partnership safety subcommittee and the Purple Line Now Board of Directors, where he helped encourage collaboration between the University and the City on public safety concerns and regional transportation and smart growth planning. Matthew also recently worked on residential energy financing at the Maryland Energy Administration in Annapolis. In his spare time, he enjoys playing the piano, playing tennis, and hiking in national parks. Because a 200-word description cannot fully convey the issues and his priorities for College Park, please check out [www.popkinforcitycouncil.com](http://www.popkinforcitycouncil.com) for more details! Ultimately, Matthew hopes to represent everyone in District 3 to make College Park one of the most desirable college towns in the country.

### DISTRICT 4: VOTE FOR 2



**Denise C. Mitchell**  
240-460-7620  
Candidate for City Council District 4

To my fellow residents of College Park, I am humbled by the oath I have taken as your District 4 representative and the trust that you have placed in me.

My success is because of your support and together I hope we can continue to make strides for a sustainable but vibrant community. With the University of Maryland and its dynamic educational programs as our partner, we can continue to serve our communities in many great

ways. Greater communities equal robust businesses and committed stakeholders.

My task is not done; together I want to focus more on our community, Economic growth and development, education, and safety for all of our residents. I will work to ensure that you can continue to live in a city that will provide this. I hope you will join me in continuing to become "A Factor in our Success for a Greater College Park". I am asking for your support in my candidacy for re-election as our Councilmember for District 4 on November 5, 2013.

Yours in Service, Denise C. Mitchell.



**Alan Y. Hew**  
240-391-8678  
Candidate for City Council District 4

My experience with College Park began in 1991 while attending the University of Maryland. I graduated in 1994 with a B.S. in Natural Resources Management, with an emphasis on Environmental Education & Parks Management. I continued working at UMD, living nearby in Adelphi. I moved to College Park in 2005.

In 2007, I became involved in Jefferson Properties Inc. (JPI) West efforts to develop in our community; the economy derailed that development. I then became involved in the update to the County's Sector Plan for US Route 1.

I am presently on the Committee for a Better Environment, focusing on Energy Efficiency workshops. I also serve on this year's College Park Day Committee. I have served on the Animal Welfare Committee, and the 2011 Redistricting Commission for College Park.

This year I became the Autoville community liaison working with the Monument Village at College Park project (successor to JPI West) on their Detailed Site Plan.

I believe community involvement is essential to any community worth living in. North College Park is the focus of the City's next wave of development. Assuring smart development and development that will complement its surrounding community is why I am running for City Council.

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## NOTICE OF COLLEGE PARK MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2013

POLLS ARE OPEN FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 8:00 P.M.

### Polling Locations:

Districts 1 And 4 Vote At Davis Hall, 9217 51st Avenue  
Districts 2 And 3 Vote At City Hall, 4500 Knox Road

### Election Judges Needed:

The City needs a few Election Judges to work the polls on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5. Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and you must work the entire day. Judges serve at either Davis Hall or City Hall. The pay is approximately \$200. If you are interested in serving, please contact the City Clerk at 240-487-3501. Thank you!

To be eligible to vote in this City election, you must be a registered voter with the Prince George's County Board of Elections by Tuesday, October 8, 2013.

### ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST:

To be eligible to vote by absentee ballot, a registered voter must meet one of the following qualifications:

- May be absent on election day from the City;
- Because of accident, illness or physical disability, will be unable to go to the polling place on election day;
- Because of confinement in or restriction to an institution, will be prevented from going to a polling place on election day;
- Because of a death or serious illness in the voter's immediate family, will be unable to go to the polling place on election day; or
- Is a full-time student at an institution of higher education located outside the City, and academic requirements prevent the voter from going to the polling place on Election Day.

Between now and October 29, 2013 an application for an absentee ballot may be picked up at City Hall (4500 Knox Road) or downloaded from our website at [www.collegeparkmd.gov](http://www.collegeparkmd.gov). Applications are reviewed by the College Park Board of Election Supervisors and if approved, a ballot will be mailed to the voter. Ballots will be mailed on or after October 7. The voter must return the voted ballot to City Hall using the ballot envelope that is provided, no later than Tuesday, November 5. Absentee ballots are counted on Wednesday, November 6. Chief of Elections: John Robson. College Park Election Supervisors: Janet Evander, Maxine Gross, Charles Smolka and Terri Wertz. For additional Election information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 240-487-3501.